GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ARMS TRAINING TO RSS
JAGMEET SINGH BRAR;SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that some organisations in the country are giving arms training to their followers in their various branches all over the country;

(b) if so, the names of the said organisations;

(c) whether imparting arms training to people by the non-Governmental organisations is against the law as it may lead to the situation of civil War; and

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to bring legislation to impose nation wide ban on imparting such arms training ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I. D. SWAMI)

(a) and (b): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d): `Public Order` and `Police` are the State subjects as per the Constitution of India and as such maintenance of peace and order is the primary concern of the State Governments. Currently there are provisions under the Indian Penal Code and various other Acts for taking action against any organisation whose activities are prejudicial to the security of the country and have the potential of disturbing peace and communal harmony.

The activities of all organisations having a bearing on the maintenance of law and order as well as communal harmony in the country are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies and requisite action is taken, including imposition of ban, wherever necessary.